

Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee

Minute of Decision

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Consolidating Existing Reserves and Other Lands Disposal Acts and Resolving Matters Relating to Parcels of National Park Land

Portfolio Land Information

On 2 May 2019, the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee:

- noted that the Reserves and Other Lands Disposal (ROLD) Consolidation Bill holds a category priority on the 2019 Legislation Programme;
- 2 **noted** that a ROLD Consolidation Bill will:
 - 2.1 consolidate 90 specified ROLD Acts and Acts with similar purposes, into a single Act by replacing necessary sections and repealing approximately 3000 obsolete sections;
 - 2.2 establish a more effective and streamlined approach to dealing with ROLD matters through a Principal Act; and
 - 2.3 authorise six non-controversial changes to exclude land from national parks;
- noted that all sections other than section 5 of the Reserves and Other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering (ROLDPBE) Act 1915 are proposed to be repealed;
- 4 **agreed** that the ROLDPBE Act 1915 will not be repealed in order to keep section 5 in statute, as several issues with the section require it to be dealt with separately;
- agreed that the necessary sections of ROLD Acts should be replaced by replicating them in the proposed ROLD Consolidation Bill;
- 6 agreed that the necessary ROLD Acts and sections of ROLD Acts should be repealed;
- agreed that the streamlined future process for resolving ROLD items will be to amend either the main body of the Act or its schedules dealing with vestings and validations;
- **agreed** that the following statutory changes, proposed by the Department of Conservation, be given effect through the proposed ROLD Consolidation Bill:
 - 8.1 exclude specified lands, which are now formed road, from the Arthurs Pass, Paparoa and Westland Tai Poutini National Parks, and to have these areas declared to be either road or conservation land;

- 8.2 exclude specified lands from the Westland Tai Poutini National Park to facilitate two separate land exchanges with adjoining landowners; and
- 8.3 exclude specified land from the Abel Tasman National Park to authorise an encroachment, in exchange for coastal forest land;
- authorised the Minister for Land Information to make any decisions necessary to give effect to the above proposals and other minor or consequential matters arising during the drafting of the ROLD Consolidation Bill without further Cabinet approval;
- invited the Minister for Land Information to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office for the drafting of a ROLD Consolidation Bill to give full effect to the above proposals.

Vivien Meek Committee Secretary

Present:

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